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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents
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Subject: **Preschool Child Assessment Requirement**

In 2010, the State Board of Education approved Teaching Strategies GOLD as the single assessment tool for students enrolled in Arizona early childhood education programs. This tool can be utilized for children birth through Kindergarten. Utilizing one tool will allow for measuring improvements in child outcomes across programs, a critical piece in building Arizona's system of early childhood education.

Serving Preschool Children through Title I, Non-Regulatory Guidance ([April 2012](#)) outlines that Title I Preschools must implement Head Start Education Program Guidelines. These guidelines require the use of an on-going progress monitoring tool. Beginning in FY14, districts using Title I funds to support preschool programs will be required to use Teaching Strategies GOLD to assess children.

Districts are responsible for obtaining SAIS (Student Accountability Information System) identification numbers for all preschool children and entering these numbers into GOLD. Please see [October 2012](#) memo for more information.

Please contact the ADE Early Childhood Education unit at 602-542-2790 or holly.ford@azed.gov for assistance in registering for Teaching Strategies GOLD teacher training, purchasing the assessment and obtaining SAIS ID numbers for preschool children.